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WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO:     WV300–7–5

SUBJECT:        LTP – FY2007 Farm Bill Actions and Timeline Update

Purpose:      To provide updated Actions & Timelines for use in implementing the FY 2007
              Farm Bill Programs

Expiration Date:   This Bulletin expires September 30, 2007

This Bulletin provides an update to the FY 2007 Farm Bill Programs Actions and Timeline.

December 15, 2006 is the end of the ranking period for EQIP and WHIP.  This is the only
change to the **FY 2007 Farm Bill Timeline**.  Please discard the attachment to WV300-7-4 timeline
and retain this attachment with the corrected dates.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Herbert Andrick, ASTC-
Programs at 304-284-7560.


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# FY 2007 Farm Bill Timeline

## EQIP

October 2006 LWGs meet and provide advice regarding any changes in LWG Priority Resource Concerns, Ranking Criteria, and Practice Lists.

November 1, 2006 NRCS and Local Work Group members announce availability of EQIP information and end of ranking period. Conduct Concentrated Public Outreach.

November 9, 2006 DCs send information in electronic format to Herb Andrick and their ASTC (FO). DC's will clearly identify any recommended changes in the ranking criteria and cost list from FY 2006. The State Conservationist must approve any changes.

December 15, 2006 End of Ranking Period.

March 2, 2007 DCs complete ranking of applications. All EQIP applications, cost estimates and ranking data are entered into ProTracts. Application status is moved from pending to eligible.

March 5, 2007  Lead DCs will select applications for contract development, based on ranking points and funding availability, from the ProTracts database. The "Lead DC" in the LWG will coordinate and confirm applications selected for contract development with the other DC's, the ASTC (FO), and the ASTC (Programs).

March 7, 2007 DC notifies the applicants selected for contract development via letter, using ProTracts.

March 15, 2007 Applications selected for funding are marked as Pre-approved or Approved in ProTracts.

May 11, 2007 All Contract folders delivered to Area staff for review and contract obligation. DC's will promptly notify the ASTC (FO) and ASTC (Operations) in writing of any problems with applicant cancellations. All conservation plans and contract support documents will be developed in Toolkit. The contract support documents will be uploaded into ProTracts, according to the guidance and instructions for the use of ProTracts.

May 31, 2007 All contracts obligated in ProTracts

## WHIP

December 15, 2006 End of Ranking Period.

March 2, 2007 DCs complete ranking of applications. All WHIP applications, cost estimates and ranking data are entered into ProTracts.

March 5, 2007  ASTC-P will select applications for contract development, based on ranking points and funding availability, from the ProTracts database. Application status is moved from pending to eligible.

March 7, 2007 DC notifies the applicants selected for contract development via letter, using ProTracts.

March 15, 2007 Applications selected for funding are marked as Pre-approved or Approved in ProTracts.

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May 31, 2007 All contracts obligated in ProTracts

**WRP**

Applications will be forwarded to the State Office as received.

March 15, 2007 Applications must be populated in the database for pending applications.

**AMA**

March 2, 2007 End of Ranking Period.

March 9, 2007 FO completes ranking of applications. All AMA applications, cost estimates and ranking data are entered into ProTracts. Application status is moved from pending to eligible.

March 12, 2007  ASTC-P will select applications for contract development, based on ranking points and funding availability, from the ProTracts database.

March 15, 2007 Applications selected for funding are marked as Pre-approved or Approved in ProTracts.

March 19, 2007 DC notifies the applicants selected for contract development via letter, using ProTracts.

May 11, 2007 All Contract folders delivered to Area staff for review and contract obligation. DC's will promptly notify the ASTC (FO) and ASTC (Operations) in writing of any problems with applicant cancellations. All conservation plans and contract support documents will be developed in Toolkit. The contract support documents will be uploaded into ProTracts, according to the guidance and instructions for the use of ProTracts.

May 31, 2007 All contracts obligated in ProTracts.

**NOTE:** AMA and WRP implementation schedules may vary upon the date of receipt of funds.